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"Long may it wave o'er the  
Land of the Free and the Home  
of the Brave."

## NEW NATIONS IN EUROPE

With the signing of the armistice  
by Germany, the last of the central  
powers to acknowledge defeat, the  
speedy revolution of Germany from  
an empire to a republic, the break-up  
of the dual monarchy, and the Turk-  
ish question, foreshadow a new map  
of Europe, which will not be simply  
a return to the map of 1870, with  
Alsace-Lorraine returned to France.  
This greatest of all wars in world  
history has proven a cradle of liberty,  
and many of the races of Europe are  
beginning to assert themselves and  
claim for themselves the right to de-  
termine their destinies after having  
for years been under a yoke of for-  
eign oppression.

Chief among these is Poland, which  
is hoping again to rise to its former  
greatness, after having been dismem-  
bered over a hundred years ago,  
when a Prussian plot was carried out,  
which divided the country among  
three nations. Poland, which has  
since sought to gain its freedom, has  
been unable to shake off the yoke of  
oppression. Now with the coming of  
the peace table which will map out  
Europe to prevent future wars if  
possible, Poland promises to again be  
free and take its place among the  
powers of the world.

The Jugo-Slavs, Czechs-Slovaks,  
and other nationalities seem to have  
the promise of gaining freedom,  
especially the latter people, who late  
in the war, as the power of Austria  
waned, had an army on the west  
front, taking an active part in the  
campaign. The part of this people,  
subjected by Austria, will not be for-  
gotten at the peace table at historic  
Versailles.

## NO FOURTH OF JULY

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chicken to those poor devils for they  
certainly needed it.

"These new arrivals are the worst  
specimen of human beings I ever  
came in contact with. Their uni-  
forms are dirty, torn and unkempt.  
Trench mud was very prevalent,  
even the men's faces and hair were  
spattered with it. Their faces, save  
a few, were extremely dirty,  
unshaven and usually shallow  
cheeked, and the expression of their  
eyes portrayed a half-starved, over-  
worked and worn condition. I learned  
that these men belonged to Ger-  
many's best unit, the Prussian Guard,  
and if it's true that they represent  
the best, God help their worst for  
they must be a swell outfit. P. T.  
Barnum would spend a fortune to  
procure one of the worst, for they  
certainly would make a fine of na-  
ture look like a quitter. However,  
they are giving us an awful battle.  
Last night occurred one of the fam-  
ous and dreaded air raids. I left my  
bunk about six times and made  
tracks for a nearby cellar. Fortu-  
nately, they didn't bomb as but  
drifted over to the next town and  
killed several of our boys there.  
Some boys say you get used to it and  
don't mind it at all but I'm inclined  
to doubt that statement. I've been  
in hundreds of air raids and under  
shell fire, but each time I just natu-  
rally make myself scarce. Seems to  
be about time Johnny Boche made  
his appearance tonight for it is an  
ideal night for air raids.

"Day before yesterday I witnessed  
a very spectacular air battle. Three  
enemy planes attempted to cross the  
line. Two were driven back by our  
planes, but one managed to get away  
and hide in the clouds. He finally  
appeared directly over our heads, but  
before he had time to do any dam-  
age, two of our fighting planes  
pounced on him. All three exchanged  
machine gun fire. They also did  
some wonderful maneuvering which  
lasted about five minutes. Before  
many more minutes about ten more  
allied planes appeared on the scene.  
Fritz saw that there was no chance  
for him so he attempted to escape  
but his efforts were futile. A volley  
of bullets from our planes soon drove  
him down in flames. Of course the  
odds were against the Boche but he  
put up a good fight. It was the best  
air battle I ever saw and I can say  
that an air battle is everything but  
uncommon on this front."

In closing Ed. said: "I wouldn't  
trade my experience over here for  
fifty lives nor that number of thou-  
sands of dollars."

## Funny, Ain't It?

Said the facetious fellow: "I have  
often wondered how a man can speak  
straight from the shoulder unless he  
does his talking in his sleep."



## HOW MICHIGAN LOOKS AFTER HER SONS IN THE NATION'S SERVICE



MICHIGAN BUREAU OF MILITARY

RELIEF, 36 W. 40th St., NEW YORK

The solicitude shown by the state of  
Michigan for the welfare of her men  
in the nation's service is a matter of  
common knowledge and comment in  
all circles having to do with war ac-  
tivities. The state is living up to this  
enviable reputation by its latest enter-  
prise in the interests of Michigan men  
in service—the Michigan Bureau of  
Military Relief recently established in  
New York City.

This bureau, which is maintained on  
an adequate scale by the Michigan  
War Preparedness Board, is the first  
enterprise of the kind undertaken offi-  
cially by any of the states. Its gen-  
eral purpose is to render aid and com-  
fort to all Michigan soldiers and sail-  
ors, particularly sick and wounded re-  
turning from overseas, and to furnish  
information to their relatives and  
friends. In the state's plan there is no  
intention to duplicate or supplant any  
of the work that is now being handled  
so efficiently by the Red Cross or by  
the government itself, but only to sup-  
plement such work by performing ser-  
vices that would not regularly be per-  
formed by any other agency.

The Bureau will endeavor to ascer-  
tain promptly the arrival of disabled  
Michigan men and to visit them per-  
sonally, cheering them with a greeting  
from one of their own "home" folks,  
and performing such incidental ser-  
vices for them as the circumstances may  
suggest. The Bureau also will look up  
and report upon men in hospitals, in  
response to inquiries from friends in  
Michigan. In this work the Bureau  
has the co-operation of the military  
and naval authorities in and about  
New York, as well as of the Red Cross  
and other organizations.

Relatives and friends of men in ser-  
vice are advised not to attempt to visit  
them while at hospitals without first  
ascertaining just where they are, how  
long they will be there, and whether  
such visits are practicable. There are  
more than half a hundred hospitals in  
and around New York, and in many  
cases disabled men are received at  
these hospitals only temporarily, being  
removed elsewhere within a day or two  
of their arrival. Such removal might  
easily take place before friends could  
reach New York, thus causing needless  
trouble, expense and disappointment.  
By inquiring through the Bureau,  
friends can ascertain where disabled  
men are and whether they may be  
visited.

In addition to its work in connection  
with the sick and wounded, the Bureau  
aims to minister to the comfort and  
convenience of all Michigan men in  
service while they are stationed in and  
about New York. To this end the  
Bureau has established attractive and  
comfortable headquarters, on the  
ground floor, which serves as a club  
and rest room for Michigan soldiers  
and sailors. Through the effective co-  
operation of two Michigan societies,  
the Michigan Society of New York,  
and the Michigan Women of New York,  
the headquarters has been furnished  
and equipped in comfortable and home-  
like manner and one or more members  
of these societies are always in charge  
to extend hospitality to visitors. News-  
papers from all parts of the state are  
received and kept on file, writing ma-  
terials provided, light refreshments  
served, and telephones and other con-  
veniences placed at the disposal of  
visitors.

This feature of the Bureau's work is  
making a great hit with the Michigan  
boys in service, and afternoons and  
evenings, especially Saturday and Sun-  
day, the headquarters club room is  
filled with soldiers and sailors who  
warmly appreciate the hospitality and  
the chance to get home news and a  
real Michigan greeting.

Governor Sleeper and Col. R. C. Van-  
derpool, secretary of the War Pre-  
paredness Board, have taken an active  
interest in this new enterprise, and  
both of them spent some time in New  
York while the preliminaries were be-  
ing worked out. The plan is to operate  
the Bureau under the direction of com-  
petent Michigan men of affairs who  
will serve successively without com-  
pensation. Each will remain as long as  
his affairs will permit, when he will be  
relieved by another. The first director  
is Stuart H. Perry of Adrian.

Relatives and friends of Michigan  
men in service are invited to make in-  
quiries through this Bureau, and all  
communications will receive prompt at-  
tention. In making inquiries the name  
and number of the man's military or  
naval unit should always be given.  
Without this it often is absolutely im-  
possible to obtain the desired informa-  
tion.

Do not address communications to  
individuals connected with the Bureau.  
Address all letters thus: "Michigan  
Bureau of Military Relief, 36 West  
Fortieth Street, New York City."

## Daily Thought.

Great men stand like solitary towers  
in the city of God.—Longfellow.

## Optimistic Thought.

The bravest of men have the least  
of mental, bullying insolence.

## ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. E. A. Smith, Publicity Chairman  
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During the past week, many ques-  
tions regarding the continuance of  
Red Cross work have been asked, and  
in answer I wish to state that no  
official notice to discontinue any de-  
partment of the Red Cross work has  
been received. It is the hope of the  
local branch that those who have sub-  
scribed to monthly pledges will not  
withdraw their support. There will  
be a great need for funds for many  
months to come. We are in close  
touch with Central Division Head-  
quarters and any important changes  
will be immediately noticed in the  
columns of this paper.

Signed, Mrs. Henry Soule, Pres.  
local branch.

At the last meeting of the Red  
Cross it was voted to accept the  
generous offer of the board of the  
Baptist church to make their new  
east addition our general headquar-  
ters for the winter, or as long as a  
Red Cross room is needed. It is quite  
likely that by the first of December  
we can be settled there; but for the  
present there is work to be done at  
the room at the Masonic Home.

The St. Alma Tailors, located on  
East Superior, have made a bed quilt  
out of fine samples of wool clothing.  
They wish to sell this quilt for the  
Red Cross and will display it in their  
window for a couple of weeks, prior  
to the sale. During this time they  
invite bidders, (having placed the  
first bid himself.) The quilt will go  
to the highest bidder.

Speaking of quilts, we wish to re-  
mind the housewives that there is  
one bed comforter yet at the Red  
Cross room, to be sold. It is well  
made of light outing flannel, lined  
with white. Come and look at it;  
price, \$5.00.

The time for mailing Christmas  
boxes overseas has been extended to  
November 30th.

Salvage shops are to be discon-  
tinued, November 30th, but there re-  
mains to be sold an organ. Call up  
the chairman, for full particulars, it  
is well worth your money.

The Committee for Junior Red  
Cross activities, is glad to publicly  
thank Supt. Schultz, and the teach-  
ers who so cheerfully aided in the  
preparation of the Junior Christmas  
box sent overseas to the Belgian and  
French orphans and the convalescing  
American soldiers. Miss Jones dis-  
played fine judgment and artistic  
skill in superintending the making of  
scrap books. Owing to the limited  
time the college girls enjoyed helping  
dress the dolls. All who did not see  
the exhibit at the high school, missed  
a sight which was a delight to the  
soul as well as an eye-opener.

## Scutage.

"Scutage" was the money payment  
exactred from knights in lieu of per-  
sonal service. The first instance of it  
occurred in the reign of Henry II. It  
enabled the king to hire mercenaries  
for his foreign wars and to dispense  
with the services of his barons and  
came to be regarded as a regular  
source of revenue. The right of the  
sovereign to exact it, however, was  
generally restricted by Magna Charta.  
It was also given as escuage.

## Heavy Toll of Grain Smuts.

It would doubtless be safe to say  
that we are paying out annually as a  
price for what amounts to national  
negligence grain enough to fill an ele-  
vator of 20,000,000 bushels capacity.  
This vast and really incalculable toll is  
exactred by preventable smuts. It is a  
waste of sufficient wheat to supply our  
allies with 4,000,000 barrels of flour,  
and oats enough to feed 1,000,000  
horses for a year. The simple and in-  
expensive formaldehyde treatment of  
seed will save most of this loss.

## A Movable Hitchpost.

There is a butcher's boy in Seattle,  
Wash., who travels around on horse-  
back a great deal in a way that at-  
tracts considerable attention. He has  
a dog, and that animal will perch on  
the horse's back, and ride along the  
street apparently with as much ease  
and enjoyment as the boy himself. But  
when the boy wants to hitch the horse  
to the time the dog comes in handy.  
The dog is told to sit down, and the  
horse is fastened to him, when the two  
animals are left, to all intents and  
purposes, in perfect security.

## From Jerusalem to Dead Sea.

Nearly everybody who visits Jeru-  
salem rides to the Dead Sea, down  
through Jericho. By starting from  
Howard's hotel, outside the wall near  
the Jaffa gate, at daylight, and having  
a fresh horse to meet you at Jericho  
on the way back, a man used to equi-  
tation can have a swim in the Dead  
sea and return by dark. It is about  
40 miles, round trip. Of course, "the  
pull" is on the return, especially from  
Jericho onward, for the city of Jeru-  
salem is a most a mile to the air above  
the Dead Sea.

## Child's Musical Training.

The child who shows marked mu-  
sical talent in early years, together  
with a good voice, had best be al-  
lowed the opportunity of such mu-  
sical training as he will receive in con-  
nection with the study of the piano,  
violin or other instrument for a few  
years, rather than overtax the powers  
of his immature vocal organs. The  
more of general musical training he  
has had the easier and more satisfac-  
tory will be his progress in vocal mu-  
sic when the proper time arrives for  
its serious study.—Exchange.

## Chinese Don't Like Cheese.

Statisticians have figured out that  
England eats the larger part of Eu-  
rope's output of cheese. Europe's out-  
put amounts to 340,000,000 kilograms.  
England alone consumes 180,000,000  
kilograms of this amount. Next comes  
Holland, which takes 56,000,000; Swit-  
zerland takes 43,000,000; France, 31,  
000,000, and Germany 20,000,000 kil-  
ograms. "The only people on earth who  
eat no cheese are the Chinese."

## Modern Crusades.

Between the island of Madagascar  
and the coast of India there are sixteen  
thousand islands, only six hundred of  
which are inhabited. In most of these  
islands a man can live and support  
his family in luxury without working  
more than 25 days in the year, or at  
all, as nature provides the food, and  
no clothes are required.

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